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TOTAL POTATO STOCKS
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Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in the fall producing areas of the country totaled 148.3 million hundredweight on January 1, 1971, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Stocks for January 1 were 7 percent above the holdings of 138.0 million cwt. on hand January 1, 1970 in the 24 fall States. These stocks consist of potatoes held for all uses on January 1.

The eight eastern fall States had 38.1 million cwt. of potatoes on hand January 1, 1971, 2 percent more than the 37.2 million a year earlier. Maine stocks, at 27.0 million this year, compare with the 26.0 million cwt. on hand January 1, 1970. Stocks in Upstate New York were above a year earlier, Pennsylvania equaled last year, but Long Island stocks were below.

January 1 stocks in the eight central fall States, of 29.1 million are 5 percent more than a year earlier. Holdings were smaller than a year ago in Minnesota and Indiana but larger in other central States.

In the eight western fall States, January 1 stocks totaled 81.1 million cwt., the largest of record for that date. Present stocks are 11 percent above a year earlier. Stocks are above a year earlier in all the western States except Montana, Utah, California and Wyoming. Stocks in Idaho, at 46.5 million, account for 31 percent of the January 1 U. S. holdings in the fall States.

Disappearance of 1970 fall crop potatoes from storage during December was 24.8 million cwt. This compares with the disappearance of 24.5 million cwt. during December 1969 and the record high of 25.3 million during December 1966. Disappearance of 1970 fall potatoes from time of harvest to January 1, 1970 was 103.5 million cwt., a record high. During the 1969 season, disappearance to January 1 was 100.5 million.

Movement of fall crop potatoes to chippers and fresh market outlets during December was slightly below last year, as indicated by rail and truck unloads. Unloads for the season, from harvest time through December were also less than the comparable period a year earlier. The quantities of potatoes processed for food uses (excluding starch and flour) during December as well as for the season to January 1 were both larger than a year earlier. Quantities of fall potatoes utilized for starch and flour during December, and from harvest time through December, were less than a year earlier.

Fall Potatoes: Production and total stocks, 1959 - 70

Year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	January 1	February 1	March 1
		:following year:following year:following year			
		1,000 cwt.			
1959	167,435	118,560	98,640	77,500	58,175
1960	175,071	122,740	103,595	82,670	62,645
1961	204,235	145,020	122,215	96,120	72,960
1962 1/	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,809	147,070	123,460	98,260	74,605
1966	227,787	152,640	127,380	103,040	79,517
1967	231,224	161,710	139,350	112,770	86,465
1968	220,786	152,800	130,430	104,915	81,900
1969 2/	238,475	162,505	137,965	111,165	87,350
1970	251,765	173,060	148,260		

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.

2/ Revised August 1970 Pot 6 (70).

Estimates of Total Resident Population, 50 States, July 1, 1964-71

Area	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Eastern	75.3	76.4	77.0	77.6	78.5	79.2	1/	1/
Central	84.6	85.4	86.4	87.3	87.9	88.7	1/	1/
Western	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.0	33.5	34.0	1/	1/
Total	191.4	193.8	195.9	197.9	199.9	201.9	204.3	206.6

1/ Not available.

Source: Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.
July 1, 1971 projection by Economic Research Service, USDA

**Fall Potatoes: Production and total stocks held by growers and
local dealers 1/**

State	Crop of 1969		Crop of 1970	
	Production	Total stocks: Jan. 1, 1970:	Production	Total Stocks Jan. 1, 1971
	1,000 cwt.			
Maine	35,100	26,000	35,700	27,000
New Hampshire	176	80	184	90
Vermont	254	150	240	140
Massachusetts	950	340	1,046	410
Rhode Island	1,326	150	1,323	130
Connecticut	1,215	540	1,127	430
New York - L. I.	6,812	2,800	6,291	2,500
- Upstate	8,342	3,250	8,568	3,500
Pennsylvania	7,810	3,900	8,280	3,900
8 Eastern	61,985	37,210	62,759	38,100
Ohio	1,925	350	2,516	750
Indiana	1,396	180	1,653	170
Michigan	6,744	3,200	7,566	3,700
Wisconsin	9,000	4,550	9,125	4,800
Minnesota	13,500	8,550	11,440	7,800
North Dakota	16,159	9,800	17,400	10,600
South Dakota	561	225	713	360
Nebraska	1,908	850	1,750	920
8 Central	51,193	27,705	52,163	29,100
Montana	1,388	1,210	1,388	1,180
Idaho	69,870	42,500	73,195	46,500
Wyoming	578	300	612	300
Colorado	8,695	4,850	9,990	5,600
Utah	1,332	640	1,088	580
Washington	21,930	13,100	25,010	16,000
Oregon	13,412	5,800	16,056	6,400
California	8,092	4,650	9,504	4,500
8 Western	125,297	73,050	136,843	81,060
Total 24 Fall States	238,475	137,965	251,765	148,260

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date"

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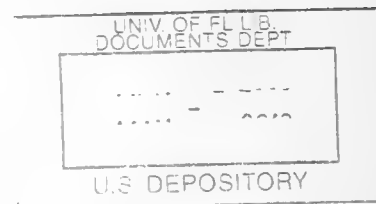
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